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TAGS: PINT, PINS, JA
SUBJECT: JAMAICA ELECTION VIOLENCE
REF: STATE 132396

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PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. WE HAVE GONE OVER THE ELECTION SCENARIO AND MECHANICS WITH THE ELECTORAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND OTHER KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSONS. THE BEST GUESS ON A SCENARIO:
JUNE 6-13 - BEGIN ENUMERATION
JUNE 22 - BEGIN COMPUTER/KEYPUNCH OPERATION
JULY 27-AUGUST 3 - COMPLETE ENUMERATION, COMPLETE MASTER LIST OF VOTERS
AUGUST 24 - COMPLETE PRINTING OF VOTER LISTS
SEPTEMBER 7 - COMPLETE PARTY SCRUTINY OF LISTS/DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT
SEPTEMBER 29 - EARLIEST LEGAL DATE FOR ELECTION.
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OCTOBER 6 - MOST LIKELY DATE FOR ELECTION (THE CAMPAIGN IS USUALLY 4 WEEKS).
THE ABOVE ESTIMATE ASSUMES THAT:
A) THE ELECTORAL OFFICE IS ABLE TO IMPORT 15 KEYPUNCH MACHINES IN TIME FOR USE (SEPTEL).
B) THE OPERATION, NEVER DONE BEFORE, RUNS SMOOTHLY AND ON SCHEDULE AND WITHOUT TOO MANY ELECTRICAL OUTAGES (COMPUTER SPECIALIST DUNKLEY HAS DESIGNED A SIX DAY PER WEEK SCHEDULE, RESERVING THE SEVENTH FOR ADJUSTING PROGRAMS AND FILLING IN FOR ELECTRICAL OUTAGES, BUT THIS ASSUMES THE PRESENT OUTAGE AVERAGE WILL HOLD).
IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THERE ARE TWO KEY DATES AT WHICH VIOLENCE COULD AFFECT THE OUTCOME:
-- JUST BEFORE AND DURING THE ENUMERATION
-- ON THE ELECTION DATE ITSELF
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7. ONE POSITIVE FACTOR, WHICH IS OCCURING, IS THE CONTINUED VISITS OF CORRESPONDENTS FROM MAJOR INTERNATIONAL MEDIA (E.G. THE NEW YORK TIMES AND NEWSWEEK WITHIN THE LAST WEEK). THE HEADY GLARE OF INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE SHOULD AT LEAST HELP TO DAMPEN A TOO-BLATANT USE OF VIOLENCE FOR PARTISAN POLITICAL PURPOSES.
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